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SUBJECT: EGYPTIANS SEEK USG SUPPORT FOR G20 AND G8 MEETINGS

REF: A. ROME 1484 (2008)

[1B](#). FM ABOUL GHEIT VERBAL MSG OF 02/05/09 Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey Reasons: 1.4 (B) and (D)  
1.(C) Summary. Senior Egyptian MFA officials convoked the Ambassador on February 5 to press for USG support of Egyptian inclusion in G20 and G8  
2.(C) Assistant Minister for American Affairs Shadia Farrag, joined by Assistant Minister for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation Mc  
3.(C) According to Orabi and Farrag, attendance at the G20 summit would "pave the way" for Egypt's addition to the G8 "outreach group" (current  
4.(C) Orabi asked that we announce USG support for Egyptian inclusion in the outreach group at the February 24 Heiligendamm process meeting in  
5.(C) The Ambassador acknowledged that few in the region match Egypt's diplomatic reach and professionalism, and this is reflected in Egypt's u  
6.(C) Comment. We are not aware of what other countries are doing to gain inclusion to these economic groupings. U.S. support for Egyptian incl